Impact of Red Line Buses

2586. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assessed the situation arising due to plying 3000 Red-line buses on Delhi roads which have and would create traffic chaos/problems; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) . (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government do not believe that the plying of Red Line buses on Delhi roads would create any traffic problems. It is hoped that with the introduction of these additional buses, the number of personalised vehicles on the road would decline and thereby improve traffic conditions on Delhi roads.

Abolition of contract system for Coal Handling at Madras Port

2587. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Ministe rof SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the Trade Unions at Madras Port for abolition of the contract system for coal handling;

(b) whether it is a fact that Madras Port Workers' Union have brought the malpractices in the contract system of coal handling to the notice of the management

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that a host of benami stevedores were operating to Madras Port;

(e) whether the cost of carrying coal from Haldia to Madras is more than the cost of carrying coal from Haldia to Tuticorin in the despite less distance; and

(f) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) . (a) to (c) Yes Sir. However the contract has been awarded by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and not by the Port Trust. Madras Port Trust is aware about certain news item appearing in the press but no report has been received from the Madras Port Workers' Union by the Management.

(d) As per the records of stevedores available with the Port Trust, no benami stevedores were/are operating at Madras Port.

(e) and (f) Such records are not avilable with Madras Port Trust as this is done by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, which is under the State Government.

Withdrawal of Proposal to sell Land in Bombay

2588. SHRI VIREN J SHAH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Economic Times of the 16th September, 1992 about the National Textile Corporation having withdrawn the proposed sale of land of certain textile mills in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that NTC failed to produce before the High Court of Bombay any modernisation scheme;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for NTC's withdrawal of the proposal from the High Court;

(f) whether the High Court has issued a Notice to NTC to appear and explain their position in the court; and

(g) if, how the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NTC had proposed to sell 9 properties of nationalised mills located in various places all over the country.